





## Mails.

U. S. Mail Line.  
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND  
HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

China (via Nagasaki,  
Kobe, Inland Sea,  
and Yokohama) ...  
Pera (via Nagasaki,  
Kobe, Inland Sea,  
and Yokohama) ...  
City of Rio de Janeiro  
(via Nagasaki, Kobe,  
Inland Sea, and  
Yokohama) ...WEDNESDAY, Feb. 20,  
at daylight.  
SATURDAY, Mar. 9,  
at daylight.  
WEDNESDAY, Mar. 27,  
at daylight.THE U. S. Mail Steamship CHINA  
will be despatched for SAN  
FRANCISCO, via NAGASAKI, KOBE,  
INLAND SEA AND YOKOHAMA,  
TO-MORROW, the 20th February, at  
daylight, taking Passengers and Freight  
to Japan, the United States, and Europe.  
The steamer of this line passes through the  
INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at  
HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed  
to break their journey at any point en route.  
Through Passage Tickets granted to  
England, France, and Germany by all  
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the  
principal cities of the United States or  
Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.Passengers holding ORDERS TO  
EUROPE have the choice of the Overland  
Rail routes from San Francisco, including  
the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL  
PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER  
AND RIO GRANDE, and the CANA-  
DIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, also the CANA-  
DIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of  
\$10.00 Gold in addition to the regular  
tariff rate.Particulars of the various routes can be  
had on application.  
Special rates (first class only) are granted  
to Missionaries, members of the Navy,  
Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services,  
to European officials in service of China  
and Japan, and to Government officials and  
their families.Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-  
portation to Yokohama and other Japan  
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and  
Inland Cities of the United States, via  
Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad,  
and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico,  
Central and South America, by the Com-  
pany's and connecting Steamers.  
Freight will be received on board until 4  
p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel  
Tickets will be received at the office until  
5 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packings  
should be marked to address in full; value  
of same is required.Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo  
destined to ports beyond San Francisco  
in the United States, should be sent to the  
Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes,  
addressed to the Collector of Customs at San  
Francisco.For further information as to Passage  
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 7, Praya Central.J. S. VAN BUREN,  
Agent.

Hongkong, February 19, 1895. 268

## NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.  
PAQUEBOTS POSTES FRANCAIS.STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ,  
PORT SAID,MEDITERRANEAN AND  
BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA,  
MARSEILLES, LONDON,  
HAVRE AND BORDEAUX.ALSO  
PORTS OF BRAZIL AND LA PLATA.TO-MORROW, the 20th February,  
1895, at Noon, the Company's S.S.  
MELBOURNE, Commandant Boardman,  
with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,  
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the  
above places.Cargo and Specie will be registered for  
London as well as for Marseilles, and oc-  
cupied in transit through Marseilles for the  
principal places of Europe.  
Shipping Orders will be granted till  
Noon.Cargo will be received on board until 4  
p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on  
the 19th February, 1895. (Parcels are not  
to be sent on board; they must be left at  
the Agents' Office).Contents and values of Packages are re-  
quired.  
For further particulars, apply at the  
Company's Office.G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, February 19, 1895. 272

## To Lot.

TO LET.

OLD CHARTERED BANK PREMISES  
in 'CONVULS' HOUSE, Queen's  
Road.Apply to  
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.  
Hongkong, February 11, 1895. 311

## To Let.

N. O. 2, PEDDER'S STREET, next to the  
GENERAL POST OFFICE.Apply to  
G. C. ANDERSON.  
Hongkong, December 7, 1894. 198

## To Let.

D'WELLING HOUSES—  
'HIGHOLDS' at MAGAZINE GAP,  
RAVENHILL, WEST, on ROBIN-  
SON ROAD.

FLOORS in BURN BUILDINGS.

FLOORS in BLISS BUILDINGS, PRINCE  
STREET and STAMFORD STREET.FLOORS in No. 5, SHELLEY  
STREET.

GODOWN.

Apply to  
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-  
MENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.  
Hongkong, February 19, 1895. 313

## Entertainments.

## AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.

THERE will be Positively ONLY 2  
MORE PERFORMANCES OF  
'ROBINSON CRUSOE,'

SATURDAY, 23rd February, at 9 p.m.

And  
AN AFTERNOON PERFORMANCE,  
on

MONDAY, 25th February, at 4 p.m.

TICKETS and BOOKS of the Works  
of the SONGS can be obtained at MESSRS.  
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.  
Hongkong, February 19, 1895. 320

## Intimations.

THE STRAITS INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.NOTICE is hereby given that the Eight-  
teenth Ordinary General Meeting  
of SHAREHOLDERS, will be held at the  
HEAD OFFICE of the Company, Finlayson  
Green, SINGAPORE, on THURSDAY, 21st  
March, 1895, at 12 o'clock, Noon, for the  
purpose of receiving the Report of the  
Directors, and the Statement of Accounts,  
to the 31st December, 1894.The Transfer BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 21st  
March, both days inclusive.By Order of the Board of Directors,  
WM. MACBEEAN,  
Agent,  
HONGKONG BRANCH.

Hongkong, February 16, 1895. 342

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Annual  
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS  
in the above Company, will be held at the  
OFFICES of the Company, Pedder's Street,  
on SATURDAY, the 9th Proximo, at  
Noon, to receive a Statement of Accounts  
to 31st December, 1894, and the Report  
of the General Managers, and to elect a  
Committee and Auditors.The Transfer BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 23rd Instant to  
the 9th Proximo, both days inclusive.JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers,  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.  
Hongkong, February 11, 1895. 310

## FOR SALE.

JAPAN HAND-MADE PAPERS.

JAPAN PRINTING PAPERS.

JAPAN COPYING PAPERS.

JAPAN WALL PAPERS.

&amp;c., &amp;c., &amp;c.

PRICE VERY MODERATE.

ORDERS to be respectfully received by  
the Undersigned.MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,  
8, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, January 2, 1894. 1

STAINFIELD'S PRIVATE HOTEL,  
3 DUNDRELL STREET.COMFORTABLY FURNISHED ROOMS,  
with every convenience.

Accommodation for Table Boarders.

Particulars, Address,  
Mrs. STAINFIELD,  
Proprietress.

Hongkong, January 5, 1895. 38

## To-day's Advertisements.

A Regular MEETING of the BOTHERN  
MARK LODGE will be held at the  
FREDERICKS' HALL, on WEDNESDAY, the  
27th Instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely.  
Visiting Brethren are cordially invited  
to attend.

Hongkong, February 19, 1895. 356

ZETLAND LODGE,  
No. 525.A Regular MEETING of the above  
LODGE will be held in the FREDERICKS'  
HALL, Zetland Street, on  
FRIDAY, the 1st of March, at 5 for 5.30  
p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are  
cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, February 19, 1895. 359

FOR SINGAPORE, SAMARANG  
AND SOERABAYA.The Steamship  
Adagio,  
Capt. D. Smith, will be  
despatched as above on  
FRIDAY, the 22nd Instant, at Noon.For Freight or Passage, apply to  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, February 19, 1895. 357

## OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SANDAKAN AND KUDAT.

(Taking through Cargo for SULU, MENADO  
and GORONTALO).The Co.'s Steamship  
Menton,  
Capt. D. Smith, will be  
despatched as above on  
SATURDAY, the 23rd Instant, at 3 p.m.For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, February 19, 1895. 360

## SHELL LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR MARSEILLES, GENOA AND  
TRIESTE.The Co.'s Steamship  
Euphrosyne,  
Capt. F. C. Barry, will  
be despatched as above  
on WEDNESDAY, the 27th Instant, at Noon.For Freight, apply to  
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, February 19, 1895. 366

## Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Amsterdam, &c.	Oceanic (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	About March 15.
Bremen & Ports of Call.	Prinz Heinrich (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	March 1, at 8 p.m.
Japan.	Verona (s).	Dodwell, Carrill & Co.	Feb. 22, at noon.
Kobe and Yokohama.	Stralhaar (s).	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	About Feb. 25.
London & Ports of Call.	Glenfalch (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Feb. 28, at noon.
London & Ports of Call.	Kaiser-i-Hind (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About March 5.
London & Ports of Call.	Japan (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About March 10.
London & Ports of Call.	Malacca (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About March 15.
Manila.	Sungkiang (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	Feb. 20, at 2 p.m.
Marseilles, v. Saigon.	Melbourne (s).	Massageries Maritimes.	Feb. 20, at noon.
New York, v. Suez Canal.	Glenfalch (s).	Charlton & Co.	About March 1.
New York.	Stratton.	Charlton & Co.	About March 1.
Port Darwin, &c.	Taitan (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	Feb. 27, at 3 p.m.
S. Francisco, v. Japan.	China (s).	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	Feb. 20, daylight.
S. Francisco, v. Japan.	Belgio (s).	O. & G. S. S. Co.	Feb. 27, daylight.
San Francisco.	Tillie E. Starbuck.	Shewan & Co.	Quick despatch.
Sandakan and Kudat.	Memnon (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	Feb. 23, at 3 p.m.
Shanghai.	Lyceum (s).	Siemens & Co.	Feb. 20, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai.	Toli (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Feb. 20, at 5 p.m.
Shanghai.	Barrenia (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About March 25.
Shanghai and Kobe.	Malacca (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Feb. 20, at 3 p.m.
S'pore, S'rang & S'way.	Arday (s).	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Feb. 22, at noon.
Swatow, Amoy & Tain.	Formosa (s).	Douglas Laing & Co.	Feb. 21, daylight.
Trieste, &c.	Euphrosyne (s).	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Feb. 27, at noon.
Vancouver (B. O.).	Empress of India (s).	Canadian P. & I. Co.	Feb. 20, at noon.
Victoria (B. O.).	Tacoma (s).	Nor. P. & I. Co.	Feb. 26, at noon.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Owners will be Responsible for  
any Debt contracted by the Officers or  
Crew of the following Vessels, during  
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

RAJAH, German ship, Capt. Bellair.

Melchers &amp; Co.

SACHEM, American ship, Capt. Bartlett.

Shewan &amp; Co.

WILLIAM LE LACREUX, British barque.

Capt. Madrox.—Captain.

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVAL.

February 18:—

Hanoi, French str., 742, J. V. Chodzko.

Haiphong February 16, Rice and General.

A. R. MARRY.

February 19:—

Triumph, German str., 672, P. Bruhn.

Pakhoi February 16, and Hoihow 18, General.

CHINESE.

Deima, German str., 1,125, C. Christensen.

Putt Wallat February 15, Coal.

SHEWAN &amp; Co.

Peuting, British steamer, 1,083, T. Gyles.

Chinking February 11, General.—BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE.

Michael Jelen, German str., 710, H. Schalk.

Haiphong February 15, Rice.

WIELER &amp; Co.

Peiyang, German str., 933, R. Kohler.

Chinking February 14, Rice.—SIEMSEN &amp; Co.

Memnon, British str., 835, B. Branch.

Singapore January 27, and Sandakan Feb. 14, Timber.—BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE.

Fokien, British steamer, 509, W. J. Davis.

Tamsui February 13, via Amoy, and Swatow 18, General.—DOUGLAS LAING &amp; Co.

Euphrosyne, British steamer, 2,507, T. G. Barry.

Batoum January 12, Oil in Bulk.—ORDER.

Detroit, American cruiser, 2,090, Commander J. S. Newell.

Singapore Feb. 12.

Kong Beng, British steamer, 900, Brooke.

Pigot, Bangkok February 12, Rice, General and Timber.—YUN FAY HONG.

Te-yi, German steamer, 1,049, Blake.

Chinking February 14, General.—CANTON &amp; Co.

Chiyen, British steamer, 1,177, C. R. Nall.

Chinking February 12, and Woomung 15, Rice.—O. M. S. N. Co.

McLaurie, French str., 1,947, Bourdon.

Shanghai February 20, Mails and General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Nanchang, British str., 1,004, E. Findlay.

Shanghai via Swatow February 15, General.—BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE.

Teucer, British steamer, 1,803, Riley.

Shanghai via Amoy Feb. 15, General.—BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE.

## DEPARTURES.

February 19:—

Chunshan, for Swatow.

Canton, for Canton.

Pineola, for Saigon.

Ask, for Hoihow.

Namoa, for Swatow, &amp;c.

Centennial, for Singapore.

Kwang Lee, for Shanghai.

Chedra, for Singapore and Calcutta.

Peiyang, for Canton.

Chiyen, for Canton.

## CLEARED.

Port Adelaide, for Nagasaki.

Holstein, for Saigon.

Continental, for Manila.

Strait of Menai, for Elephant Point.

Straits of Dover, for Meji.

Deutscher, for Bangkok.

William Le Lacreux, for Mantung.

Ching, for San Francisco.

## PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Hanoi from Haiphong, Mr. Heller.

General Passenger of Tonkin, Mr. Luret.

Mr. Camin, Mr. R. P. Fraissinet.

Messrs Brugnot, Xavier, 5 Chinese, and 1 Japanese woman.

Per Peiyang, from Chinking, 12 Chinese.

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Per Memnon, from Sandakan, &amp;c. Mrs. and Miss Beaton, Capt. Pison, Mother Theresa, Sister Foster, and 23 Chinese.

Per Fokien, from Coast Ports, 108 Chinese.

Per Kong Beng, from Bangkok, 12 Chinese.

Per Te-yi, from Chinking, 6 Chinese.

Per Chiyen, from Chinking, 9 Chinese.

Per Melbourne, for Hongkong: from Shanghai, Messrs Wilson, Stokes, Anderson, R. W. Mearns, Furlong, E. P. Witham, G. T. K. Koon, Capt. G. W. Lee, Messrs Aubert, Morgan, O. Nelson, J. P. Jones, Bro. Paul, A. L. Harris, and servant, Messrs Brasseur, P. Rose, de Gunzburg and servant, Mr. Leroux and servant, Mr. O'Leary, 2 Chinese, and 1 Indian, and Mr. Farrow, from Yokohama, Mr. Tourer, from Nagasaki, Mr. Karafage, from Shanghai: for Singapore, Messrs W. G. Fildes, Messrs O'Leary, Mr. and Mrs. Balu and child, and Mrs. McGuffin, R. H. Mann, Pionel, Rossi, and A. E. Andrieff. From Yokohama, for Saigon, Messrs Storey and A. Chouque. From Kobe, for Singapore, Mr. Shibuya, and 1 Indian.

Per Teucer, from Shanghai, &amp;c. Messrs White, Boyd, Copeland, Captain Foulds, and 120 Chinese.

## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

## Shipping.

Daylight.—P. M. S. S. Co.'s Steamer  
leaves for Japan and San Francisco.Noon.—Empress of India leaves for  
Vancouver (B. O.), via Yokohama, &c.Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of  
Call and Europe.

2 p.m.—Sungkiang leaves for Manila.

3 p.m.—Aden leaves for Shanghai, &amp;c.

4 p.m.—Lyceum leaves for Shanghai.

5 p.m.—Toli leaves for Shanghai.

## Miscellaneous.

Noon.—Local Banks close.

Noon.—Insurance Offices close.

Hongkong Races.

Goods per Oanfu undelivered after this  
date subject to rent.

## Quotations.

HONGKONG, February 19, 1895.

OPUM.—New Rains, cash.

Old, cash.

New Bohares, cash.

Old, cash.

New Malwa, cash.

Allowance, Trade.

Old Malwa, cash.

Allowance, Trade.

Preston Oily, cash.

Allowance, Trade.

Preston, Paper stock.

Allowance, Trade.

## Exchange.

HONGKONG, February 19, 1895.

On London.

Bank, Wire, ... 1/11

30 days sight, ... 1/11

4 months sight, ... 1/11

On Paris.

On demand, ... 2/48

On New York.

On demand, ... 48

On Bombay.

Wire, ... 181

On demand, ... 182

On Calcutta.



We observe that the *Straits Times* still prints our war telegrams without acknowledgment.

Mr. Starr, assistant master, Penang Free School, fell during a race at the Penang Meeting, and sustained a compound fracture of the wrist.

On the 11th inst., David Donaldson, late Secretary of the Singapore Insurance Co., was brought before the Assize Court to answer a charge of forgery and criminal breach of trust. The result of the trial has not reached us.

Tuanosoro and Cabin Pianos, at W. Robinson and Company.

Mr. B. Morier, the mate on board the steamer *Hydra*, was arrested at Singapore on the information of a Chinaman on the 9th inst. on a charge of causing or contributing to the death of the Chinese carpenter on board on the 28th ult., the Chinaman stating that his countryman had died as the result of a kick. The case has been postponed, bail being allowed in the sum of \$1,000.

The conclusion of the Race Meeting will be marked by probably the best and most spirited performance of 'Robinson Crusoe' yet given. Last night's representation, which was the seventh, was not so freely patronized as the previous ones, and there was rather a falling-off in spirit and 'go' about the acting and singing in consequence. The concluding evening performance on Saturday is looked forward to with interest.

YESTERDAY, the house known as 'Macomber' on the Park Road, was sold by public auction by Mr. J. M. Armstrong, on behalf of the mortgagees. The Hon. E. R. Bellios started the bidding by offering \$15,000, but there was very little competition, and when \$20,000 was reached the property was bought in. Mr. V. H. Deacon is the solicitor for the mortgagees. The lot occupies a superficial area of 32,335 square feet. The present rental of the house is \$180 a month (inclusive of furniture and taxes).

It is necessary to protest against the rough and ready method of the Editor of *La France d'Asie* (Hanoi). In that journal on the 12th inst., it is stated that there is a recrudescence of cholera in Hongkong, and that it was caused by the use of brackish water. The paragraph is evidently a mistake from beginning to end; and, taking into consideration the fact that the authorities of the adjacent French colonies are inclined to be hasty in applying quarantine, there is no saying what mischief might be done to the shipping interests of Hongkong were the impression to be created that cholera is existent here. In the first place, the water-supply of Hongkong, though unnecessarily restricted to the European residents and lavishly wasted upon the Chinese, could scarcely be equalled for purity; and in the second place, there has been no cholera imported from Peking; and in the third place, as there has been no cholera in Hongkong for many years, there is no recrudescence of the disease. After writing the above, we discovered that the headlines of two paragraphs had been transposed; the cholera paragraph apparently goes to the credit of Bangkok and the Hongkong headline to the execution of the Wing Lok Street murders. It is therefore not an editorial but a typographical blunder.

New Comic Song and Dance Albums, at W. Robinson and Company.

The many friends of Mr. Robert Lyall in Hongkong will learn with deep regret of his death, which and event took place at Singapore on the 10th inst. Mr. Lyall was one of our oldest residents, having been more than thirty years engaged in business here. He will be missed most by those who knew him best, for he was a fast friend. Upright and honest in business, he was a familiar figure in our commercial life. The regret felt at his death will be intensified because of a hope inspired by a letter received here from him a week or two since.

The Singapore *Free Press* of the 11th inst. refers to Mr. Lyall's death. The death occurred at the General Hospital yesterday morning of Mr. R. Lyall, of Hongkong, a brother to Mr. Lyall of Singapore. The deceased, who was well known in Hongkong as a broker and insurance agent, and socially as a genial, affable and kindly gentleman, had been in the East for over a quarter of a century, coming out to Hongkong in the sixties. For the last two or three years Mr. Lyall had been in declining health, and last October his throat began to give him trouble. Last month he passed through Singapore on his way to Calcutta in the *Chryseis*, the voyage being undertaken in the hope that he would pick up during the trip. On his way back, however, his condition became so serious that the doctor on board, on the arrival of the ship here, advised his removal to the Hospital, but his malady, cancer in the throat, proved incurable and he succumbed, as stated, yesterday morning. He was buried the morning when a number of his friends were present to pay their last tribute of respect.

Referring to the same event the *Straits Times* of same date says:—Mr. Lyall was one of the oldest and best known residents in Hongkong. For many years he had been a familiar figure there. He was in business as a broker, but in addition to this, he was secretary of the Hongkong Hotel Company and a member of a number of public companies. His loss will be much lamented, and the fact that he had died in a strange place, and not in the home of his life's labours, will add poignancy to the regret.

The N. C. Daily News understands that the Viceroy Chang Chi-tung has expressed to H. B. M. Consul at Chinkiang his great regret for the insult offered to the Commander of H.M.S. *Pigeon* at Nanking recently, and has given strict orders that British officers landing at any place on the Yangtze are to be treated with respect and courtesy.

In the first week of March the Colony will have the misfortune to lose the able services of Mr. George Horspool, the Deputy Superintendent of Police. The Colony can ill spare Mr. Horspool at the present juncture, when the Police Force is undergoing very important changes, and we understand Mr. Horspool would have remained at his post had it not been for domestic considerations which render it imperative that he should return to England. Few police officers have had a more prosperous career than Mr. Horspool, whose promotion, however, through all the successive positions of Inspector, Chief Inspector, Deputy Superintendent and Acting Captain Superintendent, has been merited by the conscientious and efficient discharge of his duties and a natural talent for the management of the men under him. It often happens that a police official, in the discharge of the important duties entrusted to him, fails to avoid the annoyance of some individuals in a mixed community like that of Hongkong; but we do not think we are oversteering the mark when we state that Mr. Horspool has discharged his obligations to the Government and the community in a manner which has won for him the respect and good-will of all, and his departure will be regretted by his many personal friends. We do not think that Mr. Horspool will agree with Gilbert and Sullivan's blue-coated band that 'a policeman's lot is not a happy one.' He commenced service at the bottom of the ladder, serving in the London Metropolitan Police for two and a half years. Along with five others, he was selected by the Commissioner for service in this Colony, and joined the Hongkong Police as Sergeant on 5th May, 1867. He became Acting Inspector in June of the same year, and was confirmed in the appointment a year later. In November 1870, he was awarded 1st Class Gold Good Service Medal. Promotion to the post of Chief Inspector came in 1879, but Mr. Horspool had held the acting appointment from March, 1873. He became Acting Deputy Superintendent of Police in 1890, and two years afterwards, was confirmed in the position. Altogether, therefore, Mr. Horspool has been twenty-eight years' service in the Colony—six as Inspector, seventeen as Chief Inspector and five as Deputy Superintendent.

At various periods of his career—no less than seven times—he has acted as Captain-Superintendent of Police, having first acted in this capacity in 1880, after sixteen years' service. Not at all a bad record. He has also been Acting Superintendent of Victoria Gao; commanded the Fire Brigade (of which he has been Assistant Superintendent since 1884) for two years; was Inspector of Gambling Houses in the old days of 'licensed gambling'; was connected with the Government Telegraph (under Capt. Shaw, R.E.) when it was introduced in 1870; and when that officer left the Colony became Inspector of the Telegraph Department. Mr. Horspool was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1890.

The Shanghai *Mercury* says:—Many very ugly rumours are current about Shanghai as to the part being played by prominent Chinese merchants in the present war between this country and Japan, the names of several who are sending cargoes of rice and of other stores, and even munitions of war, to the enemy in Shingking, Korea, and even Yauching Bay being pretty freely mentioned in some places. But of course no good can come of repeating these names unless the facts themselves become more fully known. If the true facts about the loading of certain junks ostensibly with rice for southern ports, but in reality with rice and arms for Korea, become known to the Chinese officials, some of the most highly-bred heads might feel tender about their far-fetched threats.

W. ROBINSON and Company for the highest class Piano Tuning and Repairing.

The following paragraph in the *Pioneer Mail* must refer to the anti-Japanese correspondent whose biased news from Seoul placed a certain Shanghai journal in a ridiculous position after the outbreak of hostilities:—

An extract from a private letter from Yokohama, which a correspondent has kindly forwarded to me, throws a light upon the secret of that extraordinary flood of circumstantial fabrication that broke out at the beginning of the war, and has not yet apparently run quite dry. Referring to some opinions expressed on the results of the fictitious Japanese defeat the writer says:—'I was rather amused by your reflections on the probable results of the Japanese defeat; but not surprised, as we on the spot have been "had" several times by the lovely foreign press which exists in the Treaty Ports of the Far East. The news Treaty with England has driven most of the papers pretty frantic and the fact that a liking would probably postpone its coming into effect has caused them to take anything but a sympathetic attitude towards Japan; and there is no denying that some of them have done their best to circulate any rumour to her disadvantage. The correspondent of the (a leading China paper) has been sending elaborate and most circumstantial accounts of Japanese defeats, giving the length of supplying lists of the numbers killed and wounded in each imaginary engagement. He got most of the news comfortably killed off, when they suddenly returned themselves and took Pong-Yang. I fancy the report that reached you came from this ornament of the press. Of course there are other feelings less disreputable than the foregoing, which go to make up the strong anti-Japanese party among the foreigners; but, making every allowance, the lack of an anti-communism shows is simply astounding, and we are out a sufficiently ridiculous figure from the viewpoint.'

The following is taken from a letter to the *Pioneer Mail* with regard to the capture of Port Arthur:—The Japanese dispositions were admirable and the behaviour of the men of all arms most preciously. Every thing was done with the most remarkable quietness. It is, in fact, the thing which strikes a stranger most; no bugle or trumpet calls, no shouting, the only sound almost being that of a whistle to call troops to attention before setting them on the move. Another thing which struck me was the total absence apparently of all means of communication between the Generals of divisions and brigades, and between the Generals of these and the officers commanding units. There were no signals, no galleys. It seemed as if the Generals and officers commanding units had been told that each was expected to do a certain thing, and he was left to do it, and more than that did it, and did it well.

Mr. Calati, the well-known concert director in Serabara, who has been resident for the last twenty-five years, had a fit (brought on by over excitement) after conducting the 'Lombok Triumphant March,' composed by himself, and was taken to his home and died the next morning.

Major-General the Hon. Wm. Fielding, and Mrs. Fielding arrived at Singapore from Java on the 11th inst. General Fielding, who is a London officer of H. R. the Sultan of Johore, has been in Australia, and after spending a few days at Johore, goes on to India.

On the morning of the 4th inst., writes the *Anglo Correspondent*, of the *Singapore Free Press*, the Norwegian barque *Gua Paa*, from Port Natal to Anjer, ran ashore close to the westward of the Lighthouse. She is now lying on her starboard side with all masts gone and is a total wreck. The captain and crew are saved and will be sent to Batavia.

The *Chiefs* correspondent of the *Mercury* writes on the 7th inst. says:—The Japanese, I hear, are coming here to try a sort of 'test case,' to see how the Foreign Powers will take it. In this is really the case, no doubt it explains the reason of Admiral Fremantle's short and continual visits here in the *Centurion*.

The following movements in the Consular service are reported by the *N. C. Daily News*:—Mr. W. Holland will leave for Hongkong shortly, in order to take up his post of Consul at that port. From the 12th February the Shipping Office at H.B.M.'s Consulate, Shanghai, will be in the charge of Mr. J. W. Jamieson, and Mr. Dullock will not act as Police Magistrate, etc.

A TEAM the Lahore Government College played the Malacca of Raffles' First Eleven, with the result that they were all for seven runs only. J. T. Heine, the Middlesex professional, engaged by His Highness, taking six wickets with consecutive balls. The Patials Eleven scored 68 for four wickets, and thus won easily.

#### HONGKONG RACE MEETING.

Our sporting contributor, Croston, sends us the following 'tips' for to-morrow's races:

THE WONGMEECHONG STAKES.	
Dundee	1
Hard Times	2
Hobart	3
THE DUNDIE CUP.	
Glengarn	1
Chester	2
Chen	3
THE HONGKONG DERBY.	
Simmer	1
Scot	2
Rainbow	3
THE FOOTBOY CUP.	
Bluebird	1
Chubb	2
Havoc	3
THE VALLEY STAKES.	
Luma	1
Wildfire	2
Pickering	3

#### THE 'ISLE OF BEAUTY.'

Star of the East! embellished by the sweep of Albion's glittering mantle;  
And dashed off with her glorious way!  
Emblem of her power, enthroned in western seas, the ocean Queen!  
Britannia's Eastern rampart!  
Where the East and West, with crowding hand, have strewn a thousand graces.  
Thy crags, thy islands, set in sapphirine sea,  
Thy fairy piles, thy rippling arched bay,  
Hold captive him who drinks in thy loveliness!

The Fairy Queen may hold high revel there,  
And we'll be seated, mid a cove so fair.

The *Ly-on-one* opens—Riding hills obscure loved features, one by one—  
The map, and Boyer's arches disappear!  
The mission of the king!—Oh! sweet glimpse!  
Thy fingerings, falling, 'twas!!!

From Peak to foot-hills, traces recall;  
Bellows! Richmond! Rose! And, now are freed,  
To surge, tumultuously, within my soul, the sunny memories!

Thou choicest flower of all the 'flowery land';  
I will embrace thee, in my heart, a grateful embrace!  
Embrace! heart! that from this scene doth never  
Thou canst not, dost not truly say 'for ever' 'Till  
the world!!!

Ly-on-one Press, 18th January.

#### A FRENCH TRANS-PACIFIC LINE.

Charles B. Tuttle, Portland, agent of a French steamship line, has received a cablegram from the home office relative to the establishment of a steamship line between Portland, Astoria, and Oriental ports. The Portland *Star* says:—The cable states that an agent of the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes is now on his way to Portland direct from the home office of the company in Paris, and that immediately on his arrival, should the situation prove as Mr. Tuttle has represented it, arrangements will be immediately made for a semi-monthly passenger and freight service between Portland and China, via Yokohama and Kobe. If substantiation of the figures as to freight procurable, already furnished by the local agent of the French company, is all that is necessary to secure the immediate installation of the steamship line, then the service is assured, for with every day of delay the amount of flour and other merchandise awaiting transposition to the East has increased, until today the warehouses of Portland are overflowing with goods bought and paid for months ago, but which are forced to lay there through the inability of the consignees to secure space on the outgoing steamers of the European, Northern Pacific, and Pacific Mail steamship lines.

#### CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

The twenty-sixth ordinary meeting of the shareholders in the China Fire Insurance Company was held in the Company's office this afternoon: Mr. A. G. Wood (Chairman) presided, and there were also present—the Hon. A. Macdonald, Messrs J. Kramer, S. O. Michaelson, H. L. Dalrymple, D. R. Sassoon, N. A. Siebs (Directors), J. B. Goughrie (Secretary), G. O. C. Maister, J. Thurburn, S. G. Bird, J. M. E. Macdonald, A. G. Stokes, Jones Hughes, Granville Sharp, C. Tomlin, G. L. Tomlin, J. A. Carvalho, Douglas Jones, E. O. Ray, J. R. M. Smith, H. Dixon, A. M. Ross Pereira, Chan Pat, G. A. Ozorio, and L. C. Rozario.

The Secretary read the notice calling the meeting.

The Chairman said,—Gentlemen, I will begin by welcoming you to the fine new offices of the Company, into which we have moved since the last annual meeting. The change seemed desirable to your directors, and they were glad of an opportunity to secure these roomy quarters on a long lease. Before proceeding with the formal business of the meeting I will ask you to join with the directors in deploring the loss the Board has lately sustained by the death of Mr. Heinrich Hoppius. Mr. Hoppius became a director of the Company in 1873, and has ever since been indefatigable in the forwarding of interests. His business capacity and genial personality were equally prominent, and I am sure you will participate in giving expression to the sincere regret felt by this Board at his loss. The report and accounts were issued on the 6th inst., and having been in your hands about a fortnight you will, no doubt, allow them to be taken as read. You will have observed that there is a solid increase in our premium income, notwithstanding the keenness of competition to which we had to refer in our last report and which has since not abated. Endeavourers are now being made to put rates on a more satisfactory footing, and it is needless for me to say that I trust they may be successful. On the other side of the account the prominent feature, and a very much regretted one, is the large losses incurred in the past year,—the heaviest the Company has known in any year of its existence—and which I trust will prove as exceptional. They were in very great measure due to a large fire in the great produce storage quarter in Manila in September last, and by another smaller one in December, and our loss was augmented by the unfavourable rate of exchange ruling when the claims had to be paid. Losses paid since last January this year amounting to \$2,512,82, and those still to be adjusted to \$5,432,83, and I trust that the risks outstanding will run off without adding materially to these figures. Interest account has suffered a little owing to the withdrawal of the sums necessary to pay claims, but the losses which I shall presently allude to. Charges and expenses were a trifle heavier, as must be the case with a larger business doing, and during a period of low rates of exchange, when salaries require readjusting and the cost of stationery, &c., is largely increased. You will see that we have had to forego making any addition to Reserve Fund, and in recommending the payment of an interim dividend, a question which has been extremely considered by us,—we have had to bear in mind that the final dividend for the year 1894 may have to fall short of what we have been accustomed to pay. In conclusion I am glad to inform you that the Company's mortgage investments having been again submitted to the judgment of a competent authority, the report upon them is in every way satisfactory after a thorough and painstaking examination. You will observe that one property has been assigned to the Company by the mortgagee, who, owing to the plague, was in arrears with his interest, and unable, moreover, to repair typhoon damages or to carry out the requirements of the Permanent Commission of the Sanitary Board. In this case you will be pleased to hear that the security held is considered ample to cover the loan and likely to be even more so in time. The outlays upon this property, loss of rents, &c., contribute to the diminution of Interest Account I have already alluded to. With these remarks I beg to propose that the Accounts and Report now presented be adopted, and in this case you will be glad to answer any question relating to them you may wish to ask.

Mr. S. G. Bird seconded.

On the motion of Mr. Thurburn, seconded by Mr. Jones Hughes, the resolution of Messrs S. O. Michaelson and N. A. Siebs as Deputies was confirmed.

Mr. Goughrie moved, and Mr. C. Tomlin seconded, the resolution of Messrs Kramer and Dalrymple.

Mr. C. A. Ozorio proposed the re-election of Messrs R. Lyall and J. H. Cox as auditors.

Mr. A. G. Stokes—Mr. Lyall is dead. The Chairman—I believe there is a rumour to that effect, but I think Mr. Lyall had better be put to rest, in case the rumour turns out to be untrue.

Mr. L. C. Rozario indicated the re-election.

Agreed.

The Chairman thanked the shareholders for their attendance, and intimated that the dividend warrant will be posted after the holidays.

In London the bicycle craze is in full blast. The latest recruit is Lady Dudley, who owns and rides a white bicycle. Bicycles are now made highly ornamental and are assembled in pale blue-green and light pink. Scarlet, too, is looked upon with favour.

There occurred this week the examinations of another institution, the North China College, connected with the American College graduates (writes the Peking correspondent of the *Shanghai Mercury* on the 28th ult.) This College is located at Peking, 14 miles east of here. It consists of a preparatory school of three years' course, the college proper of four years, and a theological department of three years. Several of the universities from here sent down to witness the examinations. Their report most favourably of the thorough work done, and of the ability of the instructors. It is regarded as one of the very best institutions for distinctively mission purposes. There are over 100 students, two native teachers, and eight foreign teachers, five of whom are ladies. One lady, a graduate of Berlin University in America, was the teacher of International Law, with Shultze as the textbook, and the knowledge of the Chinese displayed can compare with that of the Imperial University here under the Tung-Hi Yamen. The Christian tone of the institution is also spoken of as devout and intelligent, free from cant and mercenary tendencies.

#### REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[Supplied to the 'CHINA MAIL']

LONDON, Feb. 19, 1896.

UNEASY FEELING IN FORMOSA. H. M. S. *Mercury* has been ordered to proceed to Formosa from Hongkong in response to an urgent message from the Consul at Takao asking for protection for foreigners.

EGYPT.

The anti-British feeling in Egypt is more pronounced; the *Times* ascribes the fact wholly to the influence of the Khedive.

THE ADDRESS.

Mr Chamberlain's amendment to the Address was rejected by 250 votes against 282.

The Address has been voted.

THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

China has asked Japan to send plenipotentiaries to Port Arthur to meet Li Hung Chang.

(From L'Avenir du Tonkin.)

FRENCH MILITARY AFFAIRS.

PARIS, Feb. 9.

General Jamont succeeds General de Galliffet retired.

BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION.

PARIS, Feb. 10.

The ex-Mayor of Gien has been arrested, having been compromised in the Portalis affair.

TUNISIAN COMMERCE.

The port of Bizerte (Bizerta, Tunis) has been opened to commerce.

EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA.

PARIS, Feb. 14.

The Emperor of Austria is going to pay a fortnight's visit to Nice.

(From L'Extreme Orient.)

FRENCH TROOPS FOR MADAGASCAR.

PARIS, Feb. 12.

French troops are being embarked for Madagascar.

#### THE CHINA JAPAN WAR.

(Special to the 'N. C. Daily News')

WAIHAIWAH SURRENDER.

Tokio, 13th February, 8.30 p.m.

On the 12th instant Admiral Ting sent a flag of truce to the Japanese Admiral offering to surrender all the men-of-war, arms, and fortifications provided that the safety of the crews of the vessels, soldiers and sailors, and their families were guaranteed. Arrangements for the surrender are being formally made, and the Japanese Admiral congratulated the Chinese on having made a gallant defence.

Chefoo, 14th February, 9.10 p.m.

Negotiations for the surrender of Weihaiwei have been pending since Tuesday. Admiral Ting committed suicide the same night. The *Chienyuen* is the only vessel of the Chinese fleet remaining.

DESTRUCTIVE DELAYS.

Tientsin, Feb. 13, 5 p.m.

When the Japanese forces landed at Yangtze, Governor Li Ping-heng at once telegraphed to the Chinese Government asking him to turn all the southern troops bound up north towards Weihaiwei. The Treasurer refused to take the responsibility, as these troops were going to Shanhaiwan by the Emperor's orders. Governor Li was then compelled to telegraph a memorial to the Emperor praying for a decree commanding the southern troops to turn westwards from Tientsin. But this was in the midst of Chinese New Year holidays, and Governor Li's urgent memorial was laid by until the Emperor was ready to receive memorials and transact business. All this meant a delay of seven days. When orders from the Emperor were at last despatched to the various generals en route for the north, the nearest Chefoo was five days' march from Chefoo. But five days' march of well-armed troops were stopped on the road and were turned back, and will reinforce Governor Li at Ly-chow, four days' march from Chefoo. Weihaiwei is thus left to its fate. Governor Li has only about 4,000 men on whom he can rely out of 15,000 reported to be with him.

(Official Telegrams.)

FIGHTING NEAR CHEFOO.

Chefoo, 12th February, 8 p.m.

The Japanese advance corps, estimated about 4,400 men, came into contact with a division of Chinese troops under Su Ching-piao, of Chefoo, holding a fortified monastery called Ching-shan, thirteen li to the south-east of Chefoo. Desultory firing ensued all the afternoon with no decided result, when the enemy retired apparently to wait for their field artillery. Our troops were numerically inferior, but held their ground.

Fighting again expected to-morrow.

ADMIRAL TING'S SURRENDER.

The Chinese officials and others stoutly maintain their disbelief of the news of Admiral Ting's surrender to the Japanese, declaring that it is impossible that he would risk the lives of so many people belonging to his own and the families of his officers under him, who would be surely put to death in that case. Admiral Ting made a gallant defence of Weihaiwei, and was not dumbly compelled to surrender owing to adverse circumstances beyond his control, and it is incredible that the barbarous laws of China should be put in force in this case. Any attempt to do so would raise such a cry of horror from all civilized nations, that even the Chinese government, with its contemptuous disregard of foreign opinion, would not dare to carry into effect the cruel law of the country.—*News*.

JAPANESE INTENTIONS.

Information has been received by the high civil and military authorities at Nanking and transmitted to the local mandarin to the effect that the Japanese, after getting to Chefoo or Ly-chow, will make a dash for the Grand Canal with some of their forces and thus cut off communication between the north and south by that important route. As enormous quantities of stores, arms, ammunition and rice are being now conveyed through the Canal, this news of the Japanese intentions has been received by all the Chinese authorities with grave apprehensions.

THE SURRENDER OF WAIHAIWAH.

The local mandarin has received the following particulars regarding the final hours when Weihaiwei was still in the hands of the Chinese.—All communication had been

exhausted and Likun-tao Island was at the mercy of the enemy as early as the afternoon of Monday, the 11th instant. Admiral Ting, finding all was lost, the second in command who had succeeded General Tai, hearing of Admiral Ting's death, also committed suicide. Upon this, in order to save the rest of the fleet and army at Lin-tao, Admiral McClure sent a flag of truce to the Japanese consenting to a surrender. The island, forts, etc., were handed over the next day, the 12th, to the Japanese, and the officers and men of the Chinese fleet and army are now confined on board the enemy's ships which will convey them first to Port Arthur and thence to Japan. It is calculated that only 1,700 officers and men surrendered.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

We have an undoubted authority that when the news of the arrival of the Japanese at Yungching was reported to Admiral Ting at Weihaiwei, he telegraphed at once for permission to attack the enemy's fleet and transports, declaring that even if he should lose most of his ships in the engagement, he would be able to cause irreparable damage to the Japanese. The Vice Admiral, however, sent peremptory orders forbidding Admiral Ting to leave the port, his telegram ending with the words, 'Abide where you are to the last. If you stir from Weihaiwei without orders and attack the Japanese you will be answerable for it even if you should prove victorious over them.'—*N. C. Daily News*.

CHEFOO.

THE RED CROSS HOSPITAL.

We are still all alive and kicking here. The British Consul did his best to give us a secure last Saturday afternoon. He issued a circular to the effect that we were all to hold ourselves in readiness to come into the Settlement at any moment. The reason of this was that he had had word that 500 ransaws were approaching Chefoo for the purpose of looting the place. Dr. Douthett was in the act of sending the circular when the said 500 desperadoes walked past to give themselves up to the Fatai. They said their leaders were dead or had run away (more likely the latter) and so they thought they had better do likewise. Three men had been beheaded close by, the day before, for looting, so I suppose this lot had taken the hint. The Fatai, it is said, gave each man money and drafted them into various regiments, encompassing the neighbourhood. Ever since Saturday night the wounded Chinese soldiers have been flocking in here to be healed. At 9 p.m. on Saturday, Dr. Douthett performed an amputation, taking a man's arm off. It had been pretty well shattered by a Japanese bullet, and since then, legs, arms, and hands have been cut off, and other wounds of a less serious nature attended to. The sight, sounds and smells have been far from pleasant. We have a Yalu veteran in with a shattered leg. Fancy that poor fellow going about in that condition since September. Most of us have been going to and fro doing all we could to help these poor fellows. We have over a hundred cases under treatment up to this evening.

7th February.

We have had professional help from the surgeons of H.M.S. *Undaunted* and *Centurion*. By what I witness daily I do not see much glory in war, but there is plenty to draw out the heart's sympathy in very practical ways from any whose miled of human kindness is not utterly dried up. The Settlement people are helping all they can. The doctor has received already \$80, besides clothing and bandages. The General has sent clothing and money also. All the cases are progressing very favourably as far as we can see; but we feel sure that the worst have not been seen yet.

Two Chinese torpedo-boats were endeavoured to attack the Japanese cruiser just outside the Dief, but the *Choki* Port fired one shell this afternoon as the cruisers sailed past, to which the Japanese replied and then went on. We are daily expecting the arrival of the Japanese.—*Mercury*.

A FRENCH EXPLOSION.

The following is translated from *Le Courrier de Saigon* by the Bangkok Times:—

'The more we have of this more disgusting it is! Really the Siamese and the English are amusing themselves at our expense! Not content with inflicting upon us every occasion that presents itself, even when no occasion does present itself, these people, if they are not stopped, will proceed to the greatest extremes of audacity. One of our correspondents sends us the following letter, dated from Chantaboon, January 17th:—'This morning, at seven o'clock, the English Gunboat *Rattler*, appeared off Chantaboon. Passing behind the *Apie*, at a distance of about 800 metres, she bore towards the straits to the river, entering the port as if she were at home, without even taking the trouble to slow down an instant to wait the harbourmaster's cutter. The *Rattler* came alongside the *Apie* whose Commandant was on deck in full uniform. The English *Rattler* boldly entered the river, without concerning herself about the Commandant of the *Apie*, who was obliged to go down in the cutter to join the *Rattler*. Can people thus make light of our flag? Messrs the English pretend that they have some business to settle among their subjects at Chantaboon!!! The result is that at this moment there is a man-of-war in the Chantaboon river flying the English flag, while the *Apie*, bearing the French flag, is not even in the port. In short, an English gunboat



